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Title of the Invention: METHODS AND PRIMERS FOR DETECTING TARGET NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES (as amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Delete the current title and substitute therefor, --METHODS AND PRIMERS FOR DETECTING TARGET NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES--.

Cancel claims 1-9, and 23. Amend claims 10, 11, 13, 14, 22 and 24 as shown on the following pages following the amended specification portions.

Delete the fourth full paragraph on page 18, the second full paragraph of page 22, and the second full paragraph of page 23, of the specification and substitute the replacement paragraphs contained on the following pages.;

Marked-up copies of the original text of the amended claims, specification portions and abstract are attached to this amendment. Material inserted is indicated by redlining (insertion) and material deleted is indicated by strike-out (~~strike-out~~).

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